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## **U.S. Fleet Forces Command Appoints Investigating Officer**

NORFOLK, Va. — Adm. Bill Gortney, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command appointed Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley to lead an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deadly shooting aboard USS Mahan at Naval Station Norfolk on March 24.

Rear Adm. Harley is currently serving as the President, Board of Inspection and Survey based in Norfolk.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and shipmates of our sailor who was killed Monday night,” said Gortney. “I have directed a second investigation to be conducted in addition to the law enforcement investigation led by Naval Criminal Investigative Service.”

The second investigation will be convened under the Manual of the Judge Advocate General. This investigation will be a comprehensive examination into the circumstances surrounding the Naval Station Norfolk shooting, to include a review of applicable policy, programs and implementation.

“The safety and security of our sailors, civilians and families is paramount, and it is imperative that we are taking all appropriate and necessary measures to ensure their safety,” said Gortney.

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